Peso, financial markets euphoric over lifting of 1017

By Doris C. Dumlao

AS EXPECTED, THE FINANCIAL MARKETS WERE euphoric over the lifting of the state of national emergency on Friday with the peso surging to a fresh three-and-a-half-year high against the US dollar.

The peso opened at 51.29, hit an intra-day high of 51.14 before closing at 51.10 against the US currency, its highest finish since July 30,

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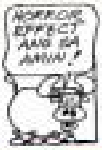
Chilling effect was on cops, not media, officer reveals

By Luige A. del Puerto

IF PROCLAMATION NO. 1017 had any "chilling effect" on the media at all, the police said they didn't see it. In fact, said Senior Supt. Samuel Pagdilao, it was the one who got spooked.

"No, I don't think [I saw]

CHILLING A17



GMA lifts state of emergency but ...



UPLIFTING VIEW: A beaming President Arroyo is a portrait of confidence as she walks past the columns of Kalayaan Hall inside the Palace compound after announcing that she was lifting the state of national emergency. But she warned that she would not hesitate to use the full force of the law against those who would engage in "adventurism." POOL

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO LIFTED the emergency rule she imposed exactly a week ago yesterday, claiming a "stronger" country. But she declared that she would not hesitate to act "with the same force of will and determination" if her opponents persisted in "inflicting instability on the nation and hurting our economy."

"I am happy to report that the rebel is broken and it is time to get back to the real business of governing. I am confident that order has been restored. Therefore, with the power vested in me by our Constitution, I declare that effective immediately the state of emergency is no longer in effect," Ms Arroyo, dressed in a blue suit, said in a recorded speech aired on government TV/radio.

She signed Presidential Proclamation No. 1021 to lift the state of national emergency she had imposed through PP 1017.

But her men were also quick to say that the public could not rest easy just yet.

Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. said Ms Arroyo would not hesitate to again declare emergency rule should she decide there was "clear and present danger" to the government.

"It is a prerogative of the President under the Constitution that if there is clear and present danger to the national security, [she] can consider [reviving emergency rule]," Cruz told reporters, adding that it was the threat of an "armed attack" that prompted Ms Arroyo to declare a state of emergency on Feb. 24.

"The most important achievement of [PP] 1017 is the preemptive action, to prevent an armed attack against the government. Why should we wait until there is [one]? It's better to have preemptive and drastic measures so there is no opportunity for an armed attack against the government," he said.

Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno also said that

GMA LIFTS A6

Crackdown continues

Editor, 2 columnists charged; more 'intimidations' feared

MORE THAN RELIEF, SKEPTICISM MARKED YESTERDAY'S lifting of Presidential Proclamation No. 1017, with various groups warning the people against letting down their guard.

Anticipating that President Macapagal-Arroyo would lift emergency rule, as her security advisers suggested on Friday, around 200 lawyers assembled in front of the IBP headquarters in Pasig City hours before she made the announcement.

"The price of democracy is a vigilant citizenry," said Jose Cadiz, national president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

"If we sleep on our rights, this government will continue to trample on us. If 1017 is lifted, and we are repressed, that's still martial law. This is only paper. We want substance," he said.

Cadiz said that even if PP 1017 were lifted, "there could still be an absence of the freedom of assembly, warrantless arrests, and a threat [sic] and intimidation [of] the media."

"We must continue to assert our rights," he declared.

Yesterday, the crackdown continued.

Hours after the President lifted PP 1017, charges were filed against the editor-publisher and two columnists of a newspaper for inciting to sedition.

Charged at the Department of Justice were Ninez Cacho-Olivares, editor in chief and publisher of the Daily Tribune, and two of its columnists, Ike Señeres and Herman Tiu Laurel.

Among the evidence submitted to the DOJ were copies of their columns that allegedly contained seditious remarks, according to an officer of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-National Capital Region.

The police's Directorate for Investigation has been reading their columns, and found "seditious statements" on them, the officer said.

"I'm not surprised," said Olivares, who said

CRACKDOWN A6



THE FIGHT GOES ON: Anti-1017 protesters, and what is stood for, light candles to light their way through the 14 stations of the cross during the staging of the Kalbaryo ng Bayan (Nation's Calvary) at the La Salle Green Hills on Thursday.

House-bound Batasan 5 still considered under arrest

By Norman Bordadora

THE MILITANT "BATASAN FIVE" CONGRESSMEN yesterday downplayed the lifting of the state of emergency, saying there was no reason for them to be complacent for as long as the threats of arrest hanged over their heads.

"If [the administration] would say that we'd no longer be arrested once we leave the House of Representatives, then we may start to believe that the situation is already normal," Bayan Muna Rep. Teodoro Casiño said at a news conference.

Casiño and fellow Bayan Muna Representatives Satur Ocampo and Joel Virador, Anakpawis Rep. Rafael Mariano and Gabriela Rep. Liza Maza have been holed up inside the House complex for six days, enjoying protective custody in the face of a police threat to arrest them on charges of rebellion.

"As long as its constitutionality has yet to be decided, we can never be complacent," Ocampo said, referring to Proclamation No. 1017, which President Macapagal-Arroyo rescinded yesterday.

Ocampo said the administration could always restore the emergency when it deemed fit.

A spokesperson for the Philippine National

HOUSE-BOUND A17

Closure rites end search, start healing in St. Bernard

By Joey A. Gabieta, Jani Arnaiz and Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau
and Volt Contreras

GUINSAUGON, ST. BERNARD, Southern Leyte—With the defaced Mt. Kan-abag as backdrop, a memorial service was held yesterday, 15 days after killer mudslides wiped out this farming village.

Southern Leyte Gov. Rosette Lerias, in an emotional speech, asked survivors of the tragedy "to accept God's will without question."

"We did everything possible. But now is the time for acceptance. Let us help each other and let us hold each other now that we may be able to rise from this difficult situation," she said during the four-hour ceremony.

The rites were held at the edge of the buried village that witnessed the death of 152 of its residents with over 800 people still missing and presumed dead.

CLOSURE A18

NPA land mine kills 2 cops in Puerto Galera

By Luige A. del Puerto, Marlon Ramos, Delfin Mallari Jr. and Marciano Virola Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

APPARENTLY STEPPING UP THEIR OFFENSIVE in the wake of President Macapagal-Arroyo's emergency declaration, communist rebels yesterday exploded a land mine and killed two police officers and a civilian in the resort town of Puerto Galera.

Three other policemen were wounded in the 6 a.m. attack carried out by 20 New People's Army guerrillas in Oriental Mindoro, police said.

Philippine National Police spokesperson

NPA A17



ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Romy Garduce leaves for Nepal on Friday.

Veteran climber seeks to be 1st Pinoy on Everest

By Nikko Dizon

ACCOMPLISHED MOUNTAINEER ROMEO "Romi" Garduce left yesterday for Nepal on a quest to become the first Filipino to conquer Mt. Everest, the world's highest mountain peak.

Garduce is making the climb to test his limits, to benefit a charity and to instill national pride.

"I guess it's part of self-discovery. I keep on challenging myself," Garduce told reporters when asked why he embarked on such an ambitious goal.

He added: "This is the fourth time I am doing a Climb-for-a-Cause. Our countrymen can support my climb by donating to charity by making a pledge every thousand feet."

Garduce was in high spirits as he prepared to check in for his Thai Airways flight that would take him to Nepal via Bangkok.

"My bags already weigh 40 kilograms!" he exclaimed, laughing, as he tried to figure out where to put the extra pairs of socks, videocam films, brochures and other paraphernalia that his sponsors had given him.

Asked by the Inquirer when he plans to return to the Philippines, Garduce replied in jest: "Me or my body?"

"My climb could either be successful or I might not make it (it could mean my life)," he said.

The thirtysomething systems analyst had mixed feelings about his Everest climb.

"Parang sundalo na papunta sa gyera (You're like a soldier being sent off to war). I

VETERAN A17

WEATHER FORECAST

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No free speech for soldiers – Cruz

SOLDIERS HAVE NO RIGHT TO "FREE SPEECH" for as long as they carry guns, Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. said yesterday.



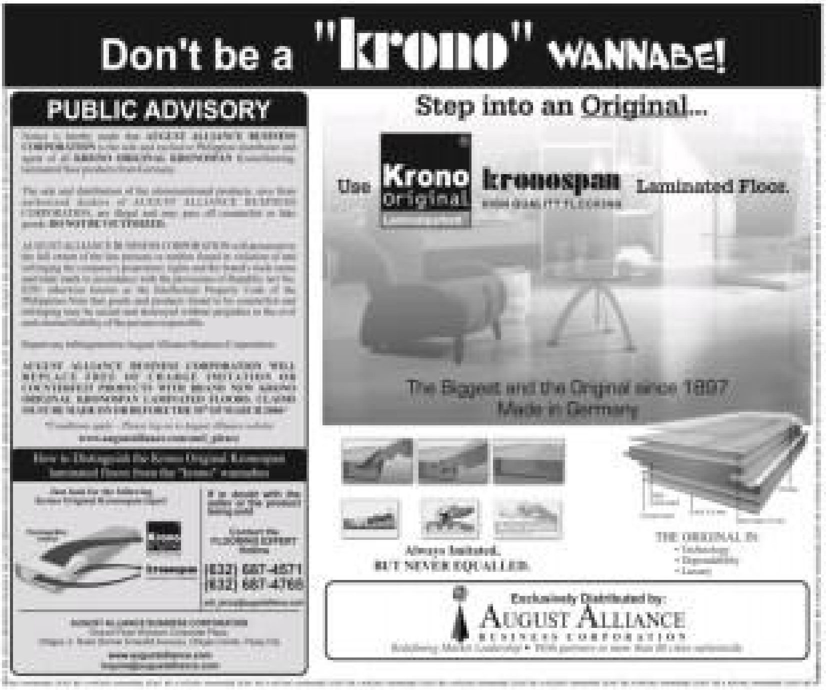


AND IT CAME TO PASS

Last week, the military barricaded the Palace using empty container vans, at left. After President Macapagal-Arroyo lifted Presidential Proclamation 1017, cars are back on the street leading to Malacañang.

Use of gov't funds in LP convention hit; DILG exec defends memo

'Our son is not a communist'



Campaign vs big-time smugglers has no funding, BOC tells Senate

Japan gives P27.5M to build homes for Leyte slide victims





A matter of 'national security,' says Cruz

SNEAK PREVIEW

Palace video shows 'left-right' conspiracy

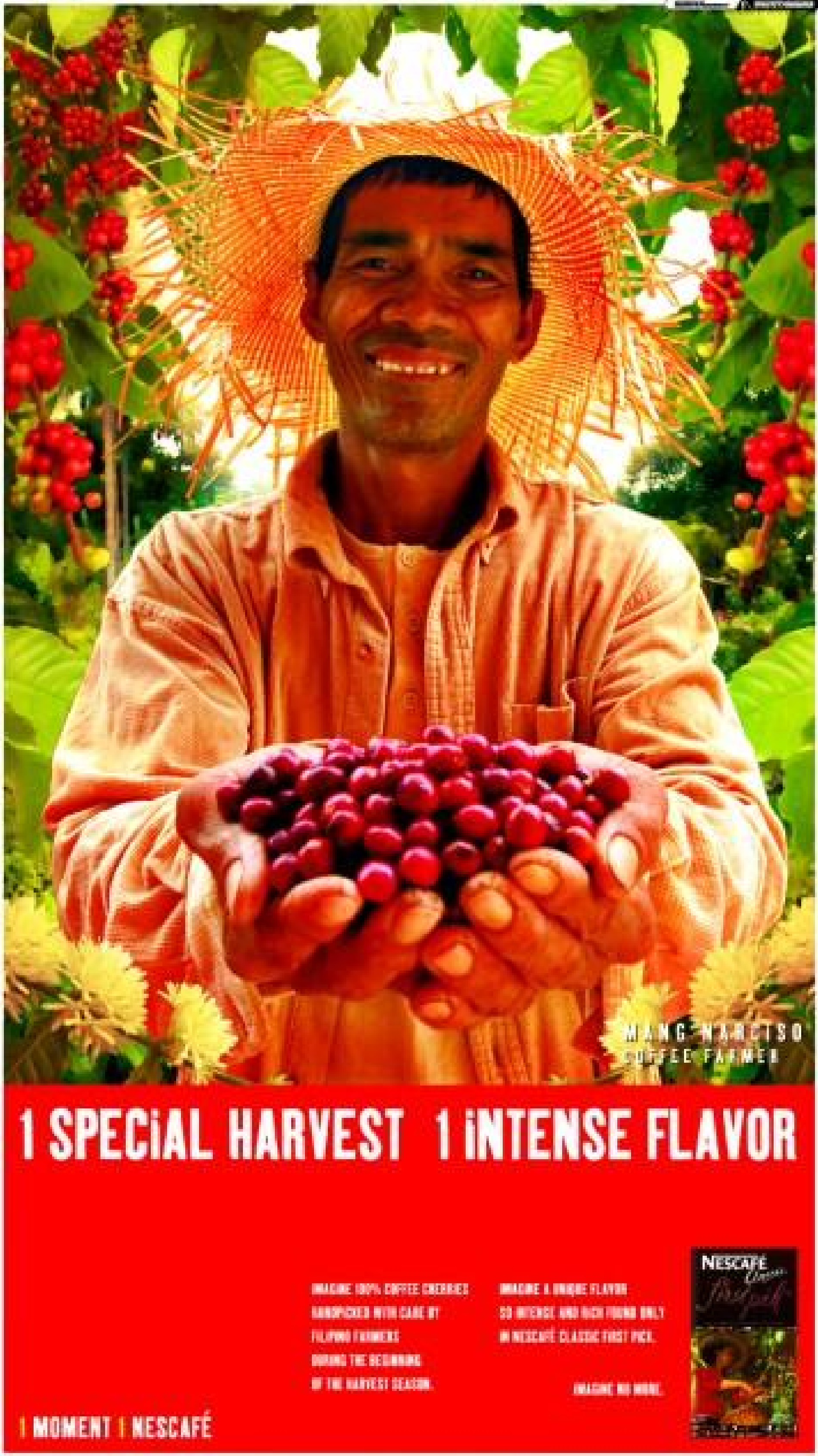




I'll quit if GMA is tied to fertilizer scam – PGAC chair

Peping goes to NBI, denies part in coup plot

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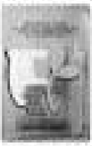
TAKING the lead through innovative and pioneering initiatives in protecting and conserving the environment, rehabilitating damaged and ravaged natural resources and striking a balance in the utilization and propagation of its land, water and coastal resources through a dynamic sustainable development policy, had earned Puerto Princesa City international and local recognition. All these could not have been possible without the wholehearted and strong support of its constituents and the dedicated and persevering efforts of city officials and employees, especially those manning the frontlines against forest, marine resource and wildlife destruction. Among those noteworthy achievements include the following:

The F1RST city to have made environmental protection as the centerpiece of local governance in line with its sustainable development objectives. Thus, earning the honor of being the FIRST local government unit in the country to receive the UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL 500 ROLL OF HONOR AWARD from UNEP Executive Director Elizabeth Dowdeswell in Seoul, Korea during the World Environment Day celebration. For his pioneering spirit, dedication and commitment in making environmental protection and sustainable development the bedrock of his administration Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn was the FIRST Filipino political leader to receive the award.

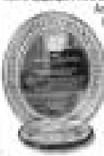


The F1RST city to receive the GRAND MAGLI-ING DULAG ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS given by the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) and the Rotary Club of Makati. Puerto Princesa City was chosen as the most environmentally-conscious and active LGU at the time.

The F1RST component city to receive the AWARD OF EXCELLENCE AS THE CLEANEST AND GREENEST COMPONENT CITY IN THE PHILIPPINES (1994) and the NATIONAL HALL OF FAME AWARD (1996) for winning the "Cleanest and Greenest Component City Award" for three consecutive years (1994-96). The city's innovative approach under its Clean and Green program has since been emulated by other local government units.



The F1RST LGU to receive the prestigious DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AWARD OF ASIA by the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) in cooperation with the Far Eastern Economic Review and the Management Association of the Philippines.



On its 134th Founding Anniversary

Puerto Princesa City

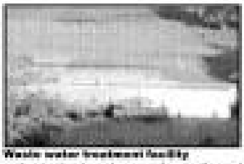
inaugurates RP's first integrated sanitary landfill and waste water treatment facility

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY marks today its 134th foundation day with the inauguration of the country's first state-of-the-art, integrated sanitary landfill and waste water treatment facility that is owned and operated by a local government unit.

Located in Barangay Santa Lourdes, the sanitary landfill and waste water treatment project site is a 35 hectare environmentally-controlled area which was once an abandoned mining site. This pioneering and innovative project was jointly undertaken with financial support extended by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

The P300-million state-of-the art solid waste landfill and waste water treatment project is the first to fully comply with Republic Act 9003 or the Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

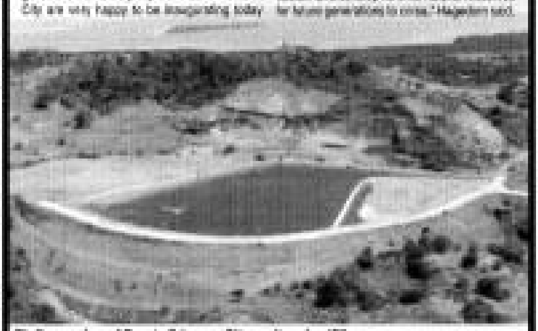
Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn said "the city government and the people of Puerto Princesa City are very happy to be inaugurating today



Waste water treatment facility

such a landmark environmental protection and conservation facility. It is a fitting tribute to the 134th Foundation Day of our beloved city."

"This project took years to plan and implement. It represents the foresight, forward planning, commitment and perseverance of a local government unit and its constituents who are committed to protect, conserve, rehabilitate sustain and develop its finite natural resources for future generations to come," Hagedorn said.



Bird's eye view of Puerto Princesa City sanitary landfill



Mayor Hagedorn receiving [illegible] Award



Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo presents the DBP Environment Excellence Award to Mayor Hagedorn



Former Pres. Joseph Estrada [illegible]

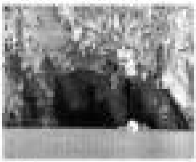


Puerto Princesa Coliseum [illegible]

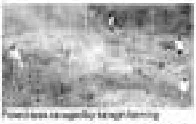


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The F1RST LGU to be given management control and authority over a national park – the Saint Paul Subterranean River National Park (the world's longest underground river) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. After six years of local government management and control, the national park was renamed PUERTO PRINCESA SUBTERRANEAN RIVER NATIONAL PARK and was named by the UNESCO as a World Heritage site.



The F1RST LGU outside of Metro Manila to establish and maintain a Cyanide Detection Test Laboratory to prevent cyanide fishing which permanently destroys precious coral reefs which support marine life and ensure that no fish or marine products caught through the illegal use of sodium cyanide is sold to the public. This facility has enabled the city to stop once rampant, organized illegal trade in of live tropical fishes.



Forest area ravaged by kaingin farming

The F1RST LGU to declare a STATE OF CALAMITY which paved the way for the passage of Republic Act 8185, which gives authority to LGUs to declare a state of calamity should the need arises. Mayor Edward Hagedorn early on his term issued a State of Calamity in the city in order to eradicate rampant kaingin or slash and burn farming that had destroyed and denuded large tracts of virgin forests in the city. Through the unprecedented legal move, Mayor Hagedorn undertook a holistic program that weaned away kaingin farmers from their illegal and destructive practices and turned them into enlightened, productive farmers under the city's agricultural and farming support programs.



The F1RST LGU to develop and implement a comprehensive and massive reforestation program within all watersheds in its jurisdiction. As a result, Puerto Princesa City is the first LGU to have distinction of being given authority and control over national watersheds by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). With control and authority over watersheds under the city government, the city has since launched a series of highly successful innovative reforestation programs like its annual *Pista Y Ang Kagueban* or Feast of the Forests to replant denuded watersheds in the city and its "Love Affair with Nature" program every Valentine's Day to replant, propagate and expand its mangrove stock in coastal barangays. To date, the city has replanted a total of 1.5 million trees and protected and significantly expanded the hectarage of its threatened and diminishing mangrove plantations through the years.

"Protect what is there, rehabilitate what has been destroyed and plan for intelligent, sustainable resource utilization." – MAYOR EDWARD S. HAGEDORN

Saudi prince pardons 50 Pinays held in jail for minor offenses

Japanese travel execs to visit RP

THE DAILY GOSPEL

GMA lifts state of emergency but …

US pressure

Success

Thanks

Split decision

Wolf under the bed

Peso, financial markets euphoric over lifting of 1017

On a roll

Hot money

Boosting confidence

Crackdown continues

'Threats will continue'

Too hot to handle

Senate probe

Out of the Tribune

Self-censorship

Thanks to media

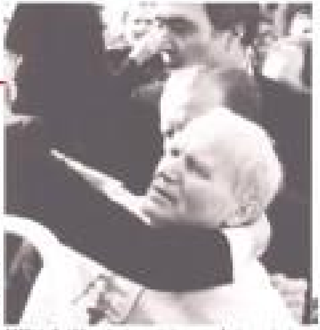
Drilon: SC must rule on petitions

FVR: Plots to persist

The WORLD

Soviet leadership ordered John Paul II hit, says panel

ROME—LEADERS OF THE FORmer Soviet Union ordered the assassination bid on Pope John Paul II in 1981, the head of an Italian parliamentary commission announced Thursday.



US seen not ready for bird flu epidemic

China faces rural health crisis



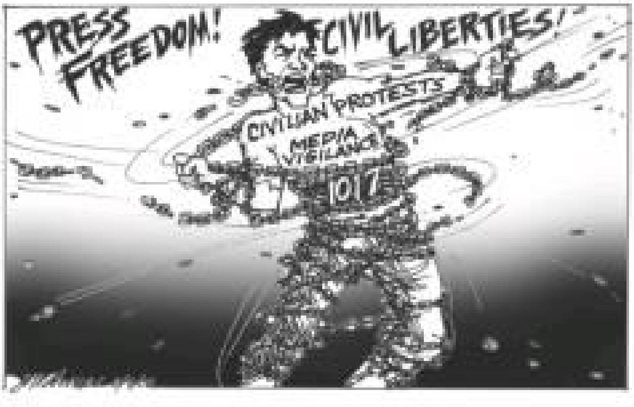
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Phone users say text messaging still best service

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Nigeria's road to ruin

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Good-mannered Filipinos with right values



Cases on Forbes Park restrictions still pending

Inappropriate photo?

Help

Glorious stories

INQUIRER Visayas

Coconut shell used in making furniture

AFTER THE POPULAR virgin coconut oil and the award-winning "coconut" comes the coco shell board.



DOMINGO Ramirez pedals the coconut shell cleaner as he cleans the shell at their factory in Barangay Diit, Tacloban City.

Patent

Wood substitute

Wanted: Investors



Fil-Ams build bakery for Apo Island residents

FISH USUALLY COMES TO mind when one thinks about food on Apo Island.

Satisfied

Love at first sight

Across the NATION

Basilan mayor slain in gun attack

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Mayor Luis Biel II of Isabela City in Basilan died after an attack by a lone gunman around noon yesterday, police authorities said.



THE MAYOR being wheeled into a hospital in Isabela City where he died after a gun attack.

ROUNDUP

Pacquiao's treat



Alert vs trafficking

Business plan wins

Drive vs stray dogs



4 miners charged

Mayon subsides

Cop dead in gunfight

Donation for Leyte

Napocor barge unchecked before setting out to sea



THE CLEANUP of spilled oil in mangrove forests near Nueva Guimaras Island continues.

'Jueteng' makes return in 2 Nueva Vizcaya towns

NPA land mine kills 2 cops in Puerto Galera

Violation of int'l laws

Response to 1817

Reaction to 1017

NPA pledge

Tactical offensives

Pursuit operations

Wounded, overpowered



AWAITING ARREST: Reps. Maza, Virador, Mariano, Ocampo and Casiño in safe haven at the Batasan.

Chilling effect was on cops . . .

A fair media

Baptism of fire

'Be easy on Lomibao'

A hell of a job

House-bound Batasan 5 . . .

Warrantless arrests

Defeating the 'ogre'

Two options

Veteran climber seeks . . .

National pride

More dangerous route

Other peaks to conquer



"CLOSURE" at the demolished village of Guinsaugon marks the start of the long road to healing.

Closure rites end search, start healing in St. Bernard

So alone

Wooden cross

Closure

More aid

Japan, Germany

Thailand, Korea

METRO

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'Minor' blasts rock Pasig police offices

By Tarra V. Quismundo

TWO MINOR BLASTS ROCKED A compound housing police offices and a commercial strip in Pasig City yesterday morning, ...



POLICE gather pieces of evidence of the blast near the Eastern Police District station.

Alleged 'shabu queen' nabbed in Taguig; children used as couriers

By Jocelyn R. Uy

PP 1017 didn't make ripple on citizenry

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



BI officials, guards face charges for jailbreak

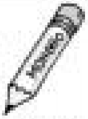
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Caloocan defers payment of property tax

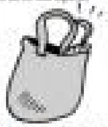
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METROBRIEFS

Mongol fakes



Case of the missing foot



Pink urinals have to go

Pawnshop robbery foiled

Beta Sigma jubilee


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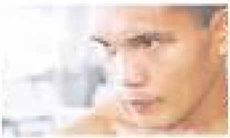
Gabi guns for world titles today

RP flyweight fights champ Darchinyan in California

DIOSDADO GABI ATTEMPTS to become the only Filipino with two world crowns today when he challenges IBF and IBO flyweight king Vic Darchinyan at the Chumash Resort Casino in Sta. Ynez, California.



Robert L. Lagunday, contributor



TALE OF THE TAPE

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Rodriguez selected first overall in PBL draft



CODINERA

Bulls to keep fire burning





PBA launches new fan promo

Reyes wants Asiad stint for RP team

RP coach gives Amit even chance vs rated foe



Nash's MVP chances bright; All-Star Game losing luster

COMMENTARY

Tiger feasts on Blue Monster, grabs 1-shot lead



WOODS

Slump's over for Cavaliers



CHICAGO—RONALD MURRAY MADE A 3-pointer from the right side with 3.9 seconds remaining, and the Cleveland Cavaliers escaped with a 92-91 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Thursday after blowing a 25-point lead.

TIM Duncan soars for a dunk.

Fed Golf's latest swing is called Tee-Off



READY TO TEE OFF: From left, ...

NBC inaugural features Tagaytay vs Pangasinan

Federer advances in Dubai tennis

Brian Viloria: The real Pinoy

In Huddle



Beth Celis



Saragoza seizes command with 72

W. Wack ladies shut out Highlands in Fed Golf



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Altas, Bulldogs gain; AMA wins

Gonzales drops GM bid

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Makati Coliseum derbies

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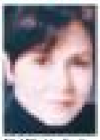


NOW SHOWING
Hoffman mines Oscar gold in witty biopic

“Capote”

“Pitaan si Francis?”

Face to face with Pilar Pilapil



PILAPIL. Has finally found peace and happiness.

Surprising development

Incendiary advantage

'Pop Heartthrob'



BAUTISTA: First major solo concert at Aliw Theater.

MARK BAUTISTA, THE former smalltown boy from Cagayan de Oro City, is finally starring in his first major solo concert at Aliw Theater on March 24. His special guests are Sarah Geronimo, [illegible] of MYMP, Ogie Alcasid and [illegible].

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MONTAGE

'Trollz' premieres on Nickelodeon

On March 5, the Nickelodeon Channel [illegible]

'Red Carpet Manila 2006'

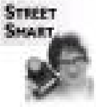
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Manila Dragons Cup

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Accolade for MVP

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Mandy Navasero

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Simplicity

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Chips off the old blocks

By Bebe Cervantes



POWER: One of Hollywood's handsomest actors in the '40s and '50s.

THERE IS TRUTH TO the saying that relatives of celebrities often suffer from unfair comparison. For example, John Wayne's son could hardly match his father's stellar appeal. The senior Wayne was tall, strapping and charismatic. He was already a living legend when his son decided to follow his footsteps.

Conventional

Wayne's son, Patrick, was a fine-looking young fellow (in fact, he was better-looking than his dad), but he was handsome in a rather conventional manner. John, on the other hand, had uniquely handsome, rugged features.

Patrick never took advantage of his father's influence. However, he did appear in his father's films, like "The Green Berets," but none of them were good enough for viewers to remember him.

Tyrone Power was one of Hollywood's handsomest matinee idols in the '40s and '50s. So, when he married the sultry Linda Christian, it was no surprise that their daughter, Romina, would be a beautiful bundle of joy.

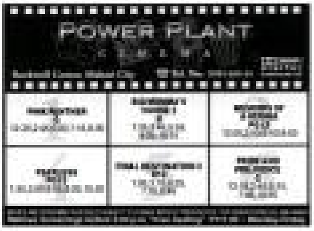
After Tyrone divorced Linda, Linda carried her even lovelier lovely daughter. She knocked on Tinseltown's doors to jumpstart her daughter's career—it succeeded.

Disappearance

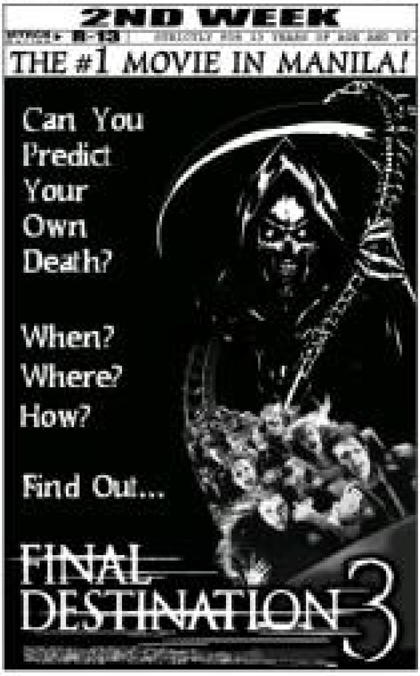
A few years ago, it was reported that Romina was involved with a shady group in Miami. Later, she mysteriously disappeared. Sadly, her disappearance has remained unsolved.

One of the most famous celebrity offsprings is Lisa Marie Presley, a troubled young woman who doesn't know if she should sing like her father, Elvis Presley, or become an actress like her mother, Priscilla.

Lisa Marie is best known as the ex-wife of Michael Jackson. She later divorced Jackson, married Nicolas Cage—and just as quickly divorced the actor.









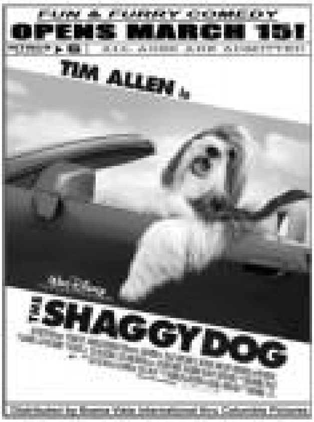
















Grit, spectacle in 'Bullet in A Bible'

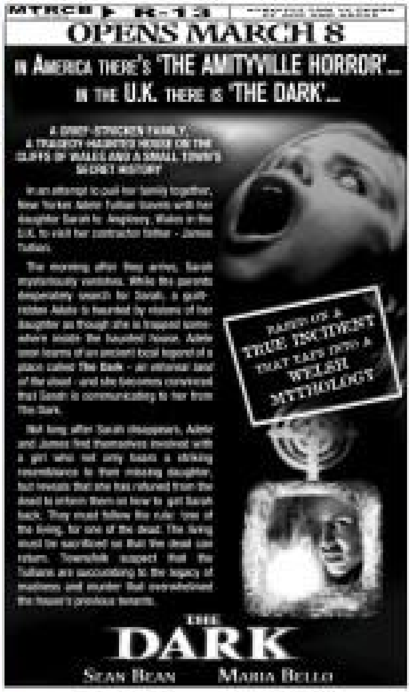
GREEN DAY'S CD/DVD COMBO, "BULLET IN A Bible," isn't just an audio-visual record of the band's biggest gig thus far, but also what may conceivably be called the biggest concert ever in punk rock history.

Debut

Authentic







Illusions

Lotus Pond

R. Valencia and S. Bernardo

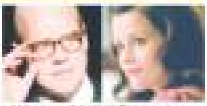
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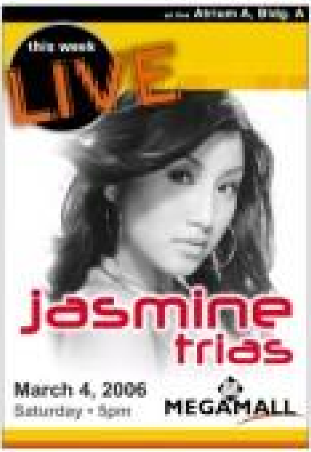
Second-guessing the Oscars



Show Biz Q & A

Rito P. Asilo

Mainstream







'Pride and Prejudice' strikes all the right sparks

By Mariano Torre

JANE AUSTEN'S first and most beloved work, "Pride and Prejudice," has been made into a film no less than 10 times. Thus, the question: What does Joe Wright's new version of this classic tale of love and 18th-century manners have that earlier versions don't?

Fresh and vibrant

Of course you'll be hard put to answer that if you haven't seen all the other "P&P" movies, but if you've read the book itself, you'll agree that this particular cinematic reworking is fresh and vibrant.

Based on Austen's 1797 novel, this latest movie adaptation is, in fact, more red-blooded than the rest. It is earthier, and at the same time, more romantic, no doubt so as to be more aligned to the tastes of the younger generation.

Indeed, there is so much unrestrained emotion in the film that you'll wonder if you're actually in Bronte country and not Austen-land.

The emotion is not confined to the characters themselves; it permeates the film's very air. The gorgeous landscape is ripe to near bursting, the characters get romantically drenched, and we even see the supposedly restrained and mannered Mr. Darcy galloping through a forest.

Then again, for an audience used to seeing melodrama and the graphic depiction of sexual gymnastics, all that probably sounds terribly understated.

Satirical eye

However, for Austen fans who appreciate her incisive and delightfully gentle satirical eye, this segue into a romanticism bordering on the gothic may come as a surprise. Whether or not it will be pleasant is a matter of taste.

The movie stars Keira Knightley as the bold and intelligent heroine, Elizabeth Bennet, and Matthew MacFadyen as the proud and mysterious Mr. Darcy. Both actors give an excellent portrayals.

Knightley positively glows on screen, so much so that you are apt to forget that Elizabeth is supposed to compete with her intelligence and wit with her beauty. Still, it is hardly the actress' fault that she is physically blessed!

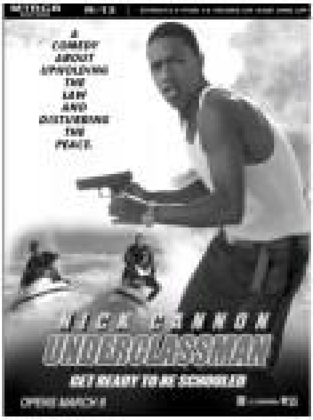
Aloof

MacFadyen injects his aloof Mr. Darcy with glimpses of passion and—judging by the shrieks from the female audience members in the cinema—does this very effectively. He and Knightley strike all the right sparks with each other, though the script doesn't allow us to see and hear him as often as we should.

This latest adaptation is, certainly, a delight to watch.



MACFADYEN AND KNIGHTLEY: Play Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet, respectively, in latest adaptation of Jane Austen's novel.



Film industry needs more government support

By Mariano G. Torre

THE GOVERNMENT PROFESSES to support the Filipino movie industry, but its actions—or, more properly, lack of them—belie its utterances.

A lot has been said and written about this disheartening situation, but the bottom line is, the industry gets little real support because our leaders don't see the true value and power of the film medium.

Priorities

That's why in the government's order of priorities, movies are among the country's least essential products. Thus, films are regarded in these parts as a luxury industry which is slapped with the highest taxes.

These onerous taxes, in turn, make producing movies here expensive, so producers don't take risks and play it safe with the same, old plot formats and star combinations. This, in turn, bores viewers to tears, and prompts them to stop watching local movies and patronize US films, instead.

Attitude

So, a lot is riding on the government's attitude regarding our movies. Our leaders should first make it a point to watch Filipino films—both the good and the bad. That way, they'll have a better idea of how to help the industry deal with the grave problems of survival it's currently facing.

Second, our leaders have to convince themselves that social relevance are right. Movies aren't a luxury industry, they're essential and important because they subliminally affect how viewers think and act.

Third, the government should review current laws related to film, retain the truly helpful and throw out those that affect the industry negatively. That means drastically reducing the onerous taxes that have kept local movies from coming into their own for so many decades now.

Values

Fourth, subsidize or otherwise support the production of quality films, which enhance viewers' values.

Fifth, subsidize the efforts of some local producers to penetrate the world market, and thus make moviemaking a dollar-earning industry.

Sixth, set up a film archive to preserve and restore the best Filipino films, because they constitute part of the country's cultural patrimony.

Appreciation

Seventh, train teachers to teach film appreciation in our schools, to raise the standards of local viewers, who would then be more demanding and discriminating, and thus pressure our filmmakers to do better work.

All of these new steps will help Filipino films finally get out of their decade-long slump—and, with them, the country's many viewers, who are sorely in need of better and more engaging films.

But, first things first, our government leaders have to truly see the light in this regard, so that all these beautiful things can happen!

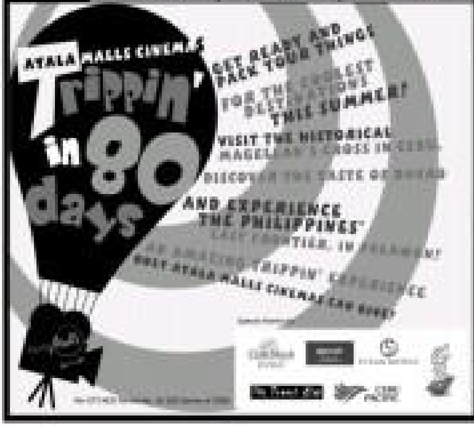
Four actors, 60 roles

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relationships. It is an entertaining blend of singing, comedy and, of course, romance."

Dipolog is thrilled about the positive reception. "What I'm most happy about is the way audiences have embraced the show," he says.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" will have matinee performances at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow and on March 12, and evening performances on March 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. Call 887-8750, or Ticketworld at 891-9999.





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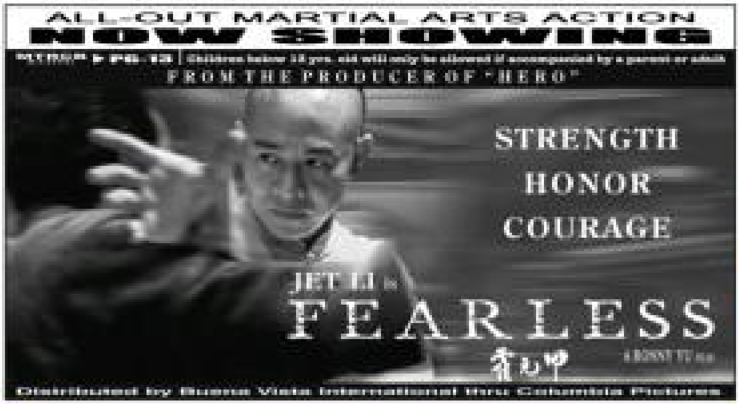
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JIMENEZ: Exceptional versatility.

Tricia returns with two albums

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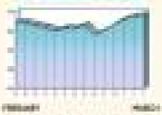


But 2-month performance still short by P3.15B

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTED MORE THAN what it was tasked to generate in February, aided in part by the increase in the expanded value-added tax.

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

Shares close lower

WHAT'S INSIDE

Farmers' group hits plan to import sugar

ADB clears turnover of Napocor debt

Micro-business forum for military spouses set

Give me a brake

BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

SMC reports P9.1-B profit for 2005

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

Farmers' group hits plan to import sugar

Zesto maker asked to support local industry

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ERC drafts new guidelines

Israel firm buys into IT park

SCIENCE/HEALTH

Effectiveness of 'good,' 'bad' carb diet doubted



DIETS THAT DISTINGUISH between "good carbs" and "bad carbs" are not an effective way of controlling blood sugar levels, a new study suggests.

100-pt scale

A mistake

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Want to live longer? Think positive



Depression

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Olympiad winners, Gödel, math trick

EUREKA!



Queena N. Lee-Chua

High school winners

Stored energy

Puzzle

ASK THE DENTIST

Paul R. De Castro, DMD

Yellow teeth

Phytochemicals and dietary fibers

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

Bright-colored veggies

Cancer prevention

Fibers, too

Strategies

Philippine Stock Exchange

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Atlas to list subsidiary on PSE

Mining firm to use proceeds to reopen Toledo mine in Cebu

By Christine A. Gaylican

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ADB clears turnover of Napocor debt

For bankers, stiffer 'fit and proper' rules



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Gov't hopes to widen tax relief coverage

Tax measures

Deductions

Property

Creating a place of retreat and relaxation

By Charles E. Buban

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What they want

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THE COUPLE [illegible]



THE GUIDING idea for this resort-like garden is to make it a living environment, says Ison who wanted the whole place to be a living space where one can do various open-air activities.

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Native plants

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A weekend in Sagada

LIVING ARCHITECTURE



Marcos de Guzman Jr

Recharging, recuperation

Coping and adapting



Environment awareness

Megaworld's McKinley Hill Village sets sales record

Within easy reach

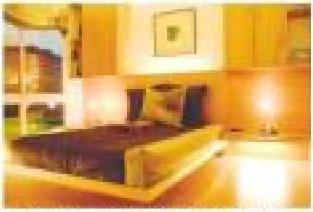
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ANOTHER PALM GROVE TURNOVER

Crown Asia holds Picasso Tower groundbreaking at Presidio





Architectural masterpiece

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Int'l construction, mining show promises to boost billion-peso industries

Region's biggest gathering

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Important milestone

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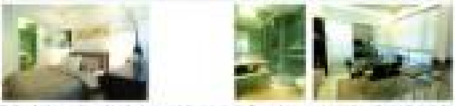
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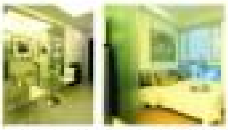
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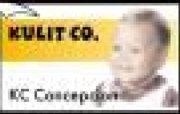
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Spilt milk, growing up and Life's incoherences



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Growing up

Life onstage

Change



Living the X-life



Strum and Bass

By Gino de la Paz

As The Little Willies, Norah Jones and her pals manage to sound a little less melancholy and, like, a bit more fun



THREE OR FOUR YEARS ago, it seemed like I couldn't spin out at any Starbucks without hearing Norah Jones' slow-burning, baby-making music in the background. Or worse, hearing [illegible] chicks now about Norah Jones' slow-burning, baby-making music in the background. My brothers, all together now, "Zzzz..."

Millions of pairs of eardrums had no opposing view, however, snapping up the Grammy winner's 2002 debut [illegible]

"Come Away With Me" and its follow-up, "Feels Like Home," by the truck load. But, like, I wasn't impressed. To me she was still bland [illegible]

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The debut CD by The Little Willies drops on March 6. From EMI Music Philippines.




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SUPER! PBB SCOOP

Why Mich Dulce disappeared from the Big Brother House



Tim Yap



> 'The reason I joined was to show that this is me. That even if you evict me for who I am, that's fine. The thing is, I put myself in an environment where people can judge'

LA FASHIONISTA HAS LEFT the House. And it's not because she was evicted by the celebrity housemates. "I got anxiety attacks. And they had to take me out kasi I had asthma due to anxiety," Mich Dulce said.

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Artist mode

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Woman empowerment

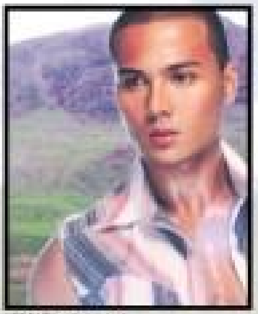
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MICH AND MOM: "Now I know who really cares for my daughter." Mich and daughter bonding at Mich's room at the Philippine Heart Center

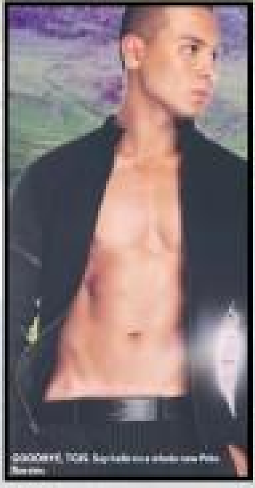
The Second Coming of Polo Ravales

He thought he'd never make it back. But he was wrong









Why Mich Dulce disappeared from the Big Brother House



> 'All the tears I've cried in the span of three weeks are more than all the tears I have cried in my life. As in I just kept crying. PBB is a reality show but the reality of it is magnified'

The hard part

No way to hide

Sensitive baby

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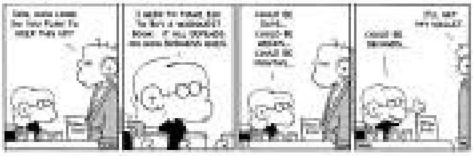
I am the son of this Beach

Text and photos by Tim Yap

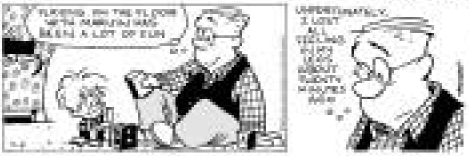
JUST when you thought you've seen, heard and done it all in "The Bora," (think: The O.C.) along comes an adventure that makes you do a double take, and realize that there's more than meets the Borac...aye!

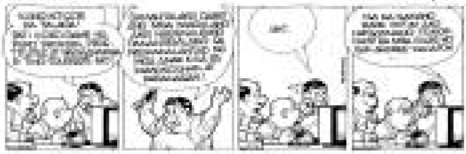
So, there's the mobile, aka The Ferris Wheel, which looks more like a Ferris Wheel. I personally like it [illegible] because it adds a certain surreal touch to the tropical landscape. There are more spots to explore, too. Did you know that there's this interesting [illegible] Then you can

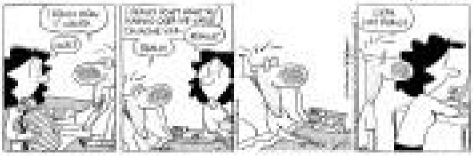
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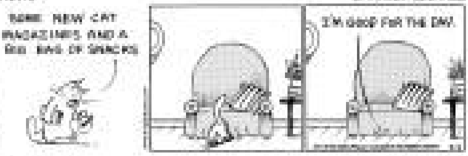


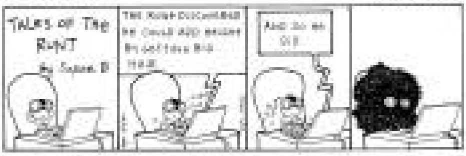






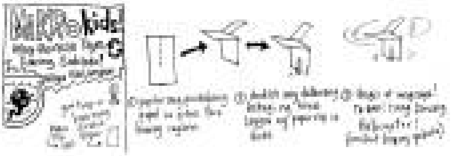


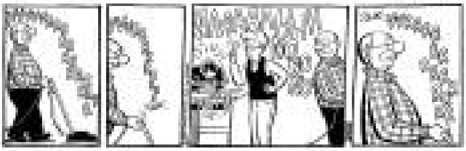




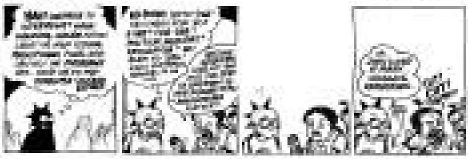


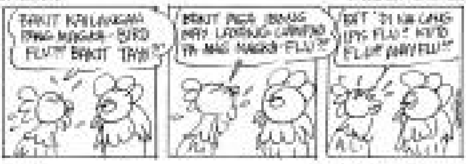
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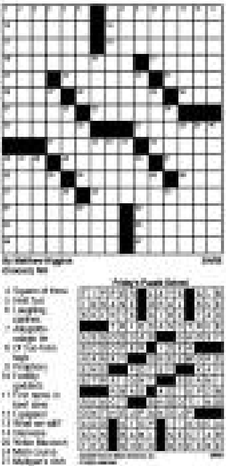


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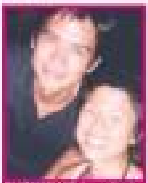




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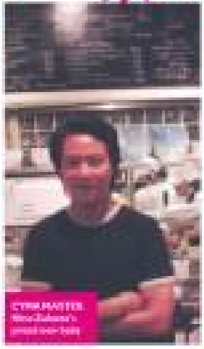
















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